

# THE BETHEL BEACON

5110 GRAND AVENUE  
GURNEE, IL 60031  
MARCH 29, 2026

*"Our mission is to help people be disciples; lifelong learners and followers of Jesus Christ."*



## Save the Date....Vacation Bible School will be July 20-23rd.



**Have you tried yoga?** Please join us if you can for beginning yoga on Mondays from 11:00 to 11:45am in the Fellowship hall. Carla Thompson will lead, talk you through it and even modify poses that may be too difficult. Bring your mat or a beach or large bath towel. (We have a few mats and blocks and straps to borrow.) We promise it will be relaxing and fun. If you have any questions contact the Bethel office or Carla Thompson.

**Thank You...** to the church boards, groups, and families for hosting future Sunday morning Fellowship Hours. There are still opportunities to host a Fellowship Hour. A common question is "Who makes the coffee?". Don't worry, the kitchen angels have you covered. Thank you to the groups and families who have already signed up to host....the Ranieri Family on 5/10!



**Have you ever played pickleball?** Every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00pm, in the Bethel gym, several Bethel members and their friends get together for some friendly pickleball fun! We now have 2 courts and rotate teams in so that everyone gets plenty of exercise! If you have any questions contact the Bethel office or Carla Thompson.

**Monthly Budget & Offerings Updates...** Per our 2026 Goals communicated at the 12/7/25 Voters' Meeting & in the recent Governing Board Communication, we have started a Budget Committee. It consists of the President, Treasurer, an Elder & one additional Governing Board member. Please see the current standings of the Bethel budget. This chart shows comparison between what was budgeted for the month vs actually spent. The last column indicates if that spending was under or over budget. Negative numbers show that we are favorable, or under budgeted spending. We also had third party donations from people using our building in the amount of \$1,330.

2026 - Year To Date Budget Update			
	Jan Budgeted	Jan Actual	Favorability (+/-)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$48,832	\$35,945	-\$12,887
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$38,964	\$38,964	\$0
<b>Net Revenues</b>	\$9,868	-\$3,019	-\$12,887



**COOL Plant Sale order forms are on the hub.**  
The order deadline is Monday, March 30.



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**DEADLINE for putting an article in the Beacon is 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.**



Bethel Calendar

# April Service Roster

	Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm	Good Friday 1:00 pm	Good Friday 6:30 pm	Easter Sunday 9:00 am
	April 2	April 3	April 3	April 5
ELDER 1				Nick Kazarian
ELDER 2			Scott Gutzke	Scott Gutzke
ACOLYTE	Nosim Kisongo		Grace Novacek	Lucy White
USHER 1				John Schultz
USHER 2				
FELLOWSHIP				Easter fellowship
ALTAR GUILD	Sheila Bunnell			
COUNTERS	Andrea Wait & Mary Gutzke			
Anyone unable to serve, contact Cindy Daluga at <a href="mailto:Cindy@bethelgurnee.org">Cindy@bethelgurnee.org</a>				Updated 3/27/26



Usher/Elder Sign-up List

## This Weeks Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday 6:30pm  
 Good Friday 1:00 & 6:30pm  
 Easter Sunday 9:00am  
 Fellowship Sunday 10:00 -10:30am  
 Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 Office Hours Mon –Thurs 9am-3pm & Fri 9am -12pm  
 Call ahead because times may change.

## ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God’s word and serve His mission. We’d love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

## ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.



Electronic one time or reoccurring donations can now be made using VANCO. Just scan the QR code.



**Preschool Rummage Sale will be April 18th and donation drop-off starts April 12th.**